Exploring the Lab: Unforgettable Experiences with Pradeep in 2014.

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We had a physics laboratory session, and initially, I was with my classmates for the first two periods. However, they all left for their regular classes afterwards. Since I often missed lab sessions, I stayed in the lab for the entire day when the students from A-Sec arrived for their practicals. Prici was there with me, and I was hoping that Pradeep would initiate a conversation with me. However, he didn't. Eventually, I called him and tried to talk, but he playfully scolded me in return, and we had a light-hearted exchange. It was evident that he wasn't comfortable speaking in front of his classmates. Their class seemed unfamiliar and I didn't feel like I fit in. While our class was friendly with students from the commerce group, there was no such closeness with the students from A-Sec.

They had a different dynamic. I had heard about this from others before. In that class, I felt isolated as I didn't connect with anyone other than Pradeep. I expected him to accompany me, but he seemed engrossed in his experiments. I jokingly thought of him as a "paasame illathavan, kal nenja kaaran" (someone who lacked affection but had a sharp mind). However, he eventually agreed to join in our conversation. He looked cute and handsome in his school sweater, and I felt a different kind of attraction towards him when he wore that outfit. I sensed his hesitance in speaking openly, especially when other boys were around.